

# CAHA to gain \$2 million each year

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — The Free Press says it has learned that a tentative agreement reached Friday with the World Hockey Association will bring the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association more than \$2 million a year in draft payments.

A story in this morning's edition also outlines conditions under which the WHA would be allowed to draft and sign players still eligible for junior hockey.

The newspaper says that the WHA would pay the CAHA \$50,000 for each of the first 50 players selected and signed in its draft.

A sliding scale calls for payment of \$15,000 for each of the next 40 players, \$10,000 for each of the next 30 and \$5,000 for each additional player selected and signed, the story says.

The Free Press says the agreement allows WHA teams to draft exceptional players with one or two years of eligibility left, and to select under-age juniors in the first round of the draft only.

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Under-age juniors would have to be signed to WHA contracts and could not be sent to a minor league team, the newspaper says. Under-age players not signed within 60 days would revert to the next year's draft pool.

Besides the standard \$20,000 draft fee, WHA teams would be required to pay an additional \$20,000 to compensate the junior team from which the under-age player was drafted, the story says. The double payment would apply to the cases of Dennis Sobchuk and Jacques Locas, two under-aged players already signed by WHA clubs.

Sobchuk, who played for Regina Pats of the Western Canada Junior Hockey League last season, was signed by Cincinnati, an expansion team, and Locas, who played for Quebec Remparts of the Quebec Junior Hockey League, has been signed by Quebec Nordiques.

The newspaper says no demand was made for compensation for four under-age members of Toronto Marlboros of the Ontario Hockey Association Junior A series who signed with WHA teams.

The four are Tom Edur, signed by Cleveland Crusaders; Wayne Dillon, signed by Toronto Toros, and Mark and Marty Howe, signed by Houston Aeros.

The agreement was reached Friday at a Toronto meeting between WHA and CAHA officials.

It still has to be ratified by WHA trustees, a step that is expected to follow a Montreal meeting next Friday between CAHA and National Hockey League officials.

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